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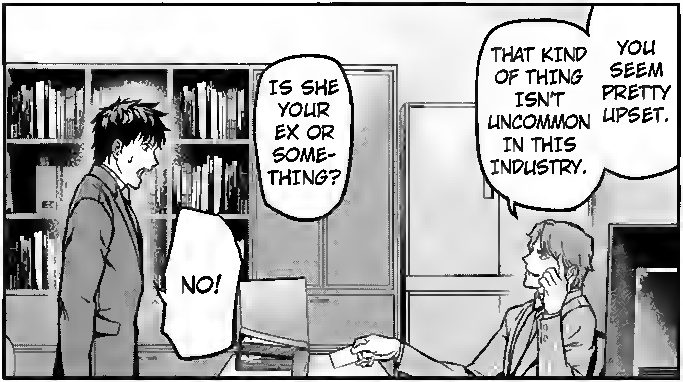

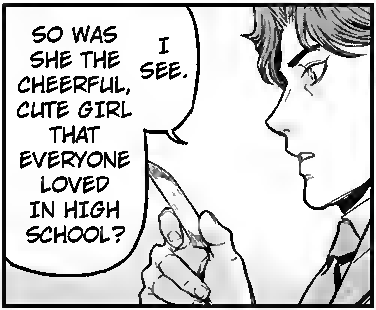

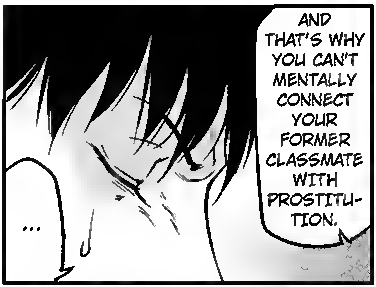

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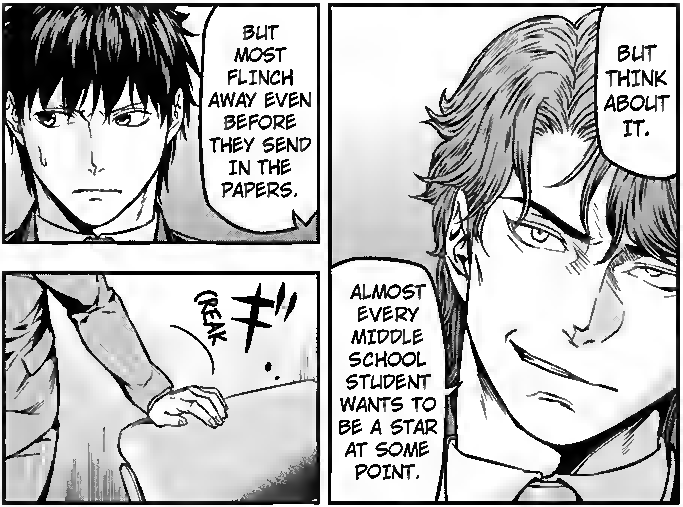
BUT MOST FLINCH AWAY EVEN BEFORE THEY SEND IN THE PAPERS.
BUT THINK ABOUT IT.
ALMOST EVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WANTS TO BE A STAR AT SOME POINT.
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BESIDES, YOUR DREAM ISN'T AN EASY ONE, EITHER.
IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT IT, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN AT LEAST THE BASICS ABOUT THIS BUSINESS.
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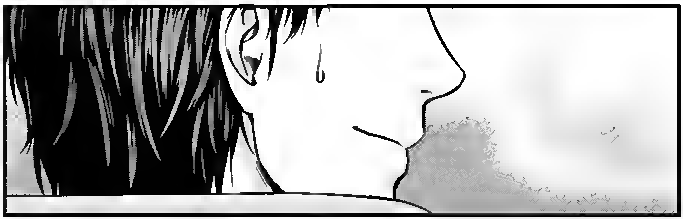
IT'S ... JUST AS YOU SAID.
I REALLY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE WORLD AND I FEEL IT KEENLY EVERY DAY.
WHAT, YOU'RE STILL UPSET ABOUT THAT?

SO I WAS WONDERING... IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF AKATSUKI PRO'S DOCUMENTS.
IT MAKES ME THINK I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MY OWN WORK-PLACE.
DOCU-MENTS ?
I WANT TO STUDY THE COMPANY'S HISTORY AND FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF PERSONNEL ARE SUITED TO THIS INDUSTRY.
DOCUMENTS ON INVESTOR RELATIONS, LISTS OF COM-PANY STAFF, PAST AND PRESENT...
COM-PANY HIS-TORY ...

YOU'RE AN ODD ONE.
WELL...
IT'S NOT A BAD THING TO BE INTER-ESTED.
FINE. I'LL LOOK FOR THEM.
THANK YOU, SIR.



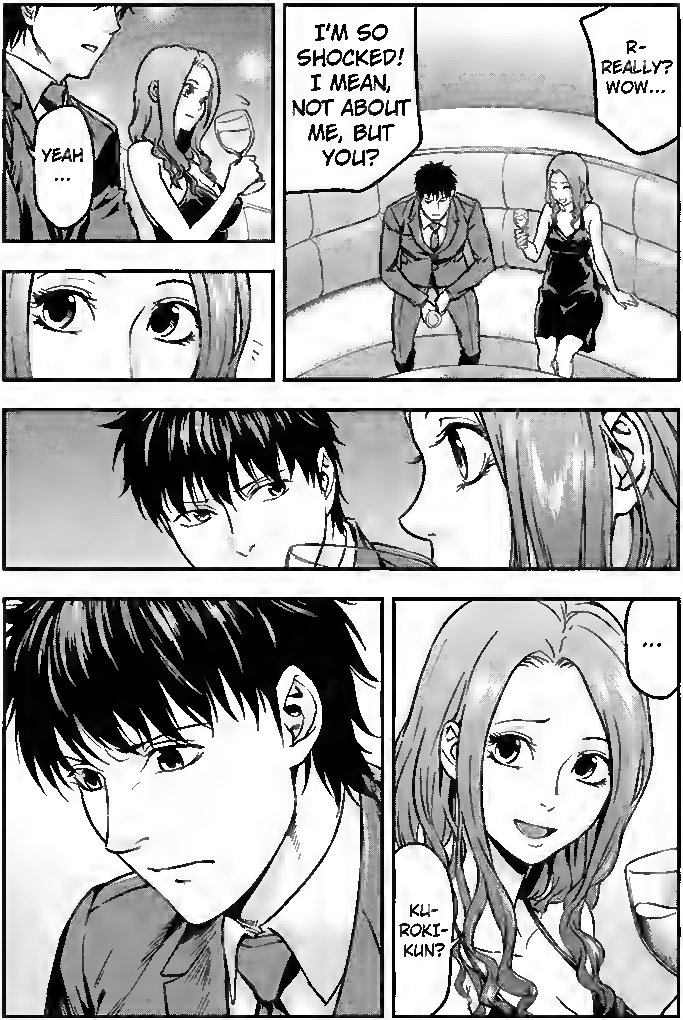
YOU CAN GO HOME FOR TODAY, KOUTAROU.

BESIDES, YOU WANT TO GO SOME-WHERE ELSE, DON'T YOU?
GO ON. TAKE IT.
I'LL BE ENOUGH TO HANDLE THEM TODAY.
HUH? BUT DON'T YOU HAVE A CLIENT LATER?
KYOU-SUKE-SAN...
I FEEL RE-SPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING ALL THAT STUFF IN YOUR HEAD TODAY... I'LL LET YOU OFF, JUST THIS ONCE!
JEEZ.
SEE YOU LATER, BOSS!
THANK YOU! I'LL PAY YOU BACK TOMOR-ROW!

cabaret
RomanChateau
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAME TO SEE ME RIGHT AWAY!
THANKS, KUROKI-KUN!
I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU AT WORK.
BUT WOW, THE STAFF HERE ARE PRETTY YOUNG...
BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL STAR HOPE-FULS.
THEY'RE ALL SO CUTE I CAN'T STAND IT!
...

SORRY ABOUT EARLIER I WAS IN SUCH A RUSH I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO TALK
UH... IT'S OKAY
SO WHERE DO YOU WORK?
COMING TO HANG OUT AT A PLACE LIKE THIS IN YOUR FIRST YEAR... ARE YOU A BANK MANAG-ER?

NO...
I MISSED MY CHANCE TO TELL YOU LAST TIME, BUT...
I GOT HIRED BY AKA-TSUKI PRO.
NO WAY ...
THE AKA-TSUKI PRO ?!
SUR-PRISING, HUH?
WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME BUSI-NESS.



HE WANTS TO TRUST HER! BUT...